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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10-20 under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over Gueneau et al in view of Weimar. First, it is submitted that the wire 20 of Weimar is not the recited reinforcing element of a clip because the wire 20 merely holds the sealing strip in a ring of pre-formed shape. See, column 3, lines 27, 28. Moreover, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have substituted the wire 20 of Weimar for the metal armature, because they do different things. If the person of ordinary skill in the art thought the clip of Gueneau needed reinforcement, he would simply have used the metal armature disclosed in the other embodiments. Thus, there is simply no reason for one of skill in the art to modify the seal of Gueneau by using the wire 20 of Weimar, and such use would not have resulted in the invention claimed. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 17 and 18 under 35 USC §112. It is submitted that the claims are clear that the slideway of the invention may be used on a motor vehicle window that is *either* of the hidden frame or the single flange type.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and an early indication thereof is respectfully requested.

All necessary extensions of time are hereby requested. Please charge any deficiency and credit any excess to deposit account 50-1088.

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